

2014 WARRANT



TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, the eleventh of March 2014 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

Article 1

Selectman for 3 years: (One seat)

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: (One seat)

Fire Ward for 3 years: (Two seats)

Library Trustee for 3 years: (One seat)

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: (One seat)

Town Moderator for 2 years: (One seat)

Treasurer for 3 years: (One seat)

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: (One seat)

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget** not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **four million, four hundred forty thousand, seven hundred seventy five dollars (\$4,440,775)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million, three hundred eight thousand, eight hundred sixteen dollars (\$4,308,816)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles.
(Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 6: The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)**, to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation of Article 7: Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle and the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$100,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation for Article 8: The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back up and to plow snow.

Article 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$42,500)** for the purchase of one pre-owned six wheel dump truck for the New Boston Highway Department, and further to authorize the withdrawal of **seventeen thousand (\$17,000)** from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of **twenty five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$25,500)**, to come from encumbered funds remaining from Warrant Article 12 of the 2013 Town Meeting. Because the cost is completely covered by encumbered funds and funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, there is no 2014 tax rate impact.

Explanation of Article 9: At the 2013 Town Meeting, Article 12 authorized the purchase of two pre-owned dump trucks a total cost of up to \$68,000. It turned out that only one of the trucks actually became available. The selectmen encumbered that unspent balance to apply to a purchase in 2014. In keeping with the thought that this was still a great window of opportunity, the Selectmen and Finance Committee favor taking advantage of this same opportunity for 2014. Therefore, the remainder of the encumbered 2013 funding for said purchase will be applied and a withdrawal from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve fund will provide funding for this truck.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation for Article 10: This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of continuing **improvements on Old Coach Road**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2019, whichever comes first.

Explanation for Article 11: This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue the repairs on Old Coach Road from Greenfield Road towards the ball park, to make it safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**.

Explanation of Article 12: The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep and construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used for the 2016 town wide revaluation.

Explanation for Article 13: State Law requires the Town to undertake a complete revaluation or update every five years. In order to alleviate a large appropriation request of \$80,000 for the scheduled update in 2016, it is more prudent to raise funds in annual increments.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)**, to be added to the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

Explanation for Article 14: This is the next phase of the Town Hall renovation project and includes completing improvements of the basement area of the Town Hall. The project will include a newer and more efficient heating unit along with improved insulation and plumbing.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **eighty four thousand dollars (\$84,000)**, to complete the preparation of, and paving of the Transfer Station property, **the sum of eighty four thousand (\$84,000)**, to come from fund balance with no amount to be raised by taxation.

Explanation for Article 15: The Transfer Station is in need of pavement repairs and prep work for repaving. The current pavement is only a base coating and the second coating is now included in the warrant article. Because the cost is completely covered by monies to come from fund balance, there is no 2014 tax rate impact.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to create and Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of offsetting the cost of police 'detail' coverage incurred by New Boston non-profits when they sponsor public events in New Boston that require security, and furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)** to be placed in this account with the Selectmen to be named as agents to expend.

Explanation for Article 16 Several years ago this article came before the voters and passed but the amount was for only one year and therefore did not carry over from year to year. This article is designed to make the amount expendable by the Selectmen as needed and unspent funds may be carried over from year to year. Each year it is intended that this fund be replenished to the \$2,500 amount.

Article 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.